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Crisis In Mexican Situation Has Apparently Passed.

TROUBLE WITH MEXICO NOW APPEARS SETTLED

General Carranza the de Facto President has Tamed Down and There Will Be No Hostilities for the Present Unless Another Clash Should Occur.

Washington, July 5.—Early resumption of friendly diplomatic relations with the de facto government of Mexico to the end that peace and order may be restored in northern Mexico and along the border, is expected here to be the next step of the United States in its relations with its southern neighbor. The crisis precipitated by Villa's raid on Columbus, N. M., and culminating in the fight at Carrizal, Mexico, between American and Mexican troops, appeared tonight to have been dissipated by an amicable note from General Carranza, presented during the day by his ambassador designate here, Eliseo Arredondo. The note proposes that the differences between the governments be settled by mediation or by direct negotiations. It is remarkable for its brevity, its restrained and friendly tone, and for the absolute lack of any of the strong language which characterized the last two communications from the de facto government. It treats as a closed incident the exchange of unfriendly communications which brought war almost within sight.

Washington, July 6.—The Mexican de facto government was informally notified that the United States welcomed Carranza's proposal to adjust all differences between the two governments by direct diplomatic negotiations. Secretary Lansing informed the Mexican Ambassador Designate Arredondo of the United States' attitude. He later communicated the information to Mexico City.

Lansing virtually completed the draft of the communication officially notifying Carranza that this government was desirous of settling the controversy and aiding in establishing peace and order in Mexico. With the immediate purpose of the negotiations will be the evolving of a plan tranquilizing the border regions, the discussions may assume a wider scope.

President E. P. Ripley, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway system, announces that the company has decided upon a plan of death benefits or the beneficiaries of all employees in the service two or more years. Beginning July 1, the company will pay to the beneficiary of every employee dying in its service a sum equal to five per cent of his last twelve month's salary multiplied by the number of years of continuous service, with a minimum payment of \$250, and a maximum payment of one year's salary, not exceeding \$3,000. It is stated that the plan will be tried for two years, but the hope is expressed that conditions may enable the company to continue it.

Claud Miller, the automobile dealer, is spending a few days in Oklahoma City with his family. Sam Kimberlin is in charge of the shop during his absence.

Republicans and Progressives Join Forces

Santa Fe, July 1.—The Republican and Progressive organizations in New Mexico have arranged to work in harmony in support of the national Republican ticket, according to an announcement today by Charles A. Spiess and Miguel A. Otero, Republican and Progressive national committeemen, respectively. The committeemen held a conference here today.

4th at Texico

Clovis was almost entirely depopulated on the 4th of July the majority of our people going to Texico-Farwell where a big celebration was held. A few went to Havener, but the majority to Texico. Horse races, a barbecue and field sports were the chief attractions there. The crowd estimated at three thousand was more than they were able to accommodate and the barbecue supply ran far short of the demands. The eating houses were all overtaxed and it was a difficult matter to get meals. What they lacked on this score, however, they more than made up in providing wet goods and the "thirst parlor" were especially well patronized. It is said that they sold \$3600.00 worth of the stuff that made Milwaukee famous. Four fights were staged which provided excitement at least for the participants. The last big 4th of July celebration held in Texico was nine years ago.

Luikart Having Sale

W. I. Luikart and Company are having a big sale which started Thursday of this week. It is the custom of this big dry goods and clothing house to put on a mid-summer sale each year, just before their buyers go to market to purchase their stock of fall and winter clothing. Of course a big reduction in prices is necessary to move the goods and Luikart always allows the prices to drop very materially. For further particulars, we invite you to see their big solid composition circulars which were printed at the News office last week or their page ad appearing in this week's issue.

Married

Zora Lobban and Miss Mabel Simpson both of this city, were married Monday evening, July 3, at the home of Rev. C. H. Brown. Both the bride and the groom are well and favorably known here and their many friends join in wishing these young people a long and happy wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Lobban will make their home on South Thornton St.

B. W. Kieran of Lubbock, Texas, was in the city a few days this week. He was favorably impressed with Clovis and surrounding country and may decide to invest in Curry county farm land.

Trip to Hollene

In company with Mr. and Mrs. Dell Houk and W. M. Ogg, the News man made a trip to Mr. Ogg's farm north of Hollene Sunday. We also visited the breaks and took a short jaunt over on the Texas side of the line. The section north of Hollene has been favored with more rain than other parts of the county and the crop prospects are particularly good at this writing. The wheat especially which is now being cut and thrashed is a large yield and better quality than we had supposed. The people of that section appear prosperous and are developing their places in good shape. One thing that interested us more particularly was the class of stock which have been bred up and much improved in recent years. The school houses are well furnished and the premises kept clean and inviting. Hollene is in the center of one of the best stock farming sections of the county and the land there has trebled in value in the past two years. This fine section of the country is in the Clovis trade territory and but few of the people trade elsewhere. Mr. Ogg has a fine tract of 320 acres of which a considerable portion is planted in wheat. The most of the wheat raised in the Hollene country this year will make from fifteen to twenty five bushels to the acre. During last year and the year previous it made from twenty to forty bushels. We do not believe that there is a section of country in the state of New Mexico where the people are as prosperous and contented as in the Hollene district.

Herby Will Leave

H. C. Herby will leave Friday of this week for Albuquerque, where he will become connected with the staff of the Morning Journal. While the position may become a permanent one he does not expect at this time that it will last longer than until after the election in November when, according to his present plans, he will return to Clovis.

Mr. Herby has been the local correspondent of the Journal for the past ten months and has undoubtedly been the best news gatherer the Journal has ever had here. Frequent comments have been made by citizens in various parts of the state about the live news sent to the Journal from Clovis. Knowing what a news item is and being able to write it up in a style that is peculiarly his own attracted the attention of the Journal management, resulting in his being selected for a position on the staff of that paper.

Car Went Through Window

We have heard of Texico stuff that would make a rabbit spit in a bull dogs face, but we do not know that was the brand that would prompt a chauffeur to mistake a drug store for a garage. Anyway a Texico car driver sent Hamlin ford car through the front window of Hunton's drug store last Monday breaking the large plate glass front.

Big rains have fallen at Melrose, Grady and Tucumcari during the past week. Clovis still goes on record as being "dry."

Judge Dissolves Injunction

The Melrose disincorporation case came up for a hearing before Judge G. A. Richardson Wednesday and the temporary injunction restraining the town authorities from enforcing ordinances was dissolved. In this action it was sought to declare the incorporation illegal and an effort was made by citizens to disincorporate. Others were contending equally strong to maintain the present city government. A large array of witnesses for both sides were here Wednesday and after hearing all the evidence, the court decided that the incorporation was legal and dissolved the temporary injunction which had been granted restraining the city authorities from enforcing certain ordinances.

Cement Motor Road

Conductor James F. O'Rourke, of Tucumcari, is promoting a motor road from that place to Clovis, and from what we can learn from the press reports about his plans, this new enterprise promises to be next to the best proposition for the rich farming districts between the two cities, and should have the fullest support of the people of the country between the two points.

It is planned to build a line of cement tracks for autos and auto trucks, the corporation putting on a number of large trucks for the handling of any and all kinds of freight, passengers and mail, thereby making this proposition next to a railroad.

If the promoters build this road, we are for it, and we hope that every good citizen will lend his influence and heartiest support to have this road built and in operation at the earliest possible moment.—House News.

J. E. Owens has sold his stock ranch just west of Elida to Henry Jones and was in Clovis this week on his way to Italy, Texas, his old home where he will visit his parents. Mr. Owens will be back to Clovis about July 25th and may engage in business here. He thinks Eastern New Mexico has a great future before it and says he is going to make it his future home.

H. L. Langford had his hands and arms severely burned last week when cleaning a car with gasoline which ignited through a circuit caused by a metal handle brush coming in contact with a charged metal part in the engine. But for prompt help he would probably have been burned to death.

A. W. Lionel and Beryl Johnson and Temple Odom were attending the celebration in Vegas this week and spent several days hunting and fishing on the Pecos before returning Wednesday. They report that about 10,000 people attended the celebration.

A. L. Awalt, Cash Austin, A. L. Patton and J. R. Denhof are attending the Cowboys reunion in Las Vegas this week. They will also go to the upper Pecos on a fishing trip.

Mrs. Ralph S. Martin and daughter, Alice, departed for Pennsylvania Tuesday, where they will spend the summer visiting relatives.

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS EN ROUTE TO BORDER

Khaki Clad Boys of the Eastern States Tread the Streets of Clovis and Fight Sham Battles in Practice With Imaginary Mexicans.

Troops Rushed to Elephant Butte

Columbus, N. M., July 3.—Troops of the New Mexico National Guard were ordered rushed to the Elephant Butte dam 135 miles northeast of Columbus. The dam is the second largest artificial body of water in the world and irrigates the valley for 150 miles south.

Bond Issue Invalid

It has been decided that because of legal technicalities that the \$35,000 bonds for city improvements which were voted at the last city election cannot be sold. In the meantime while deals were being made to sell the bonds, the city expended several thousand dollars in drilling a well and making other improvements, the city fathers thinking there would be no obstacle in the way of making a sale. The bond brokers, however, discovered the irregularities and blocked the sale. It is said that the statutes provide that a bond issue cannot be voted by special election and in this event a vote cannot again be taken until the next general election.

District Court in Session

Judge Granville A. Richardson came up from Roswell Monday for the purpose of holding a short session of court and to try such cases in which jury trials are not demanded. Court Stenographer Miss Estes is also in attendance.

The thousands of state militia passing through Clovis en route to the border this week have been the subject of considerable interest to many people who rushed to the depot at the approach of every train.

Ed Joiner and family have gone to Wichita Falls, Texas, where Mr. Joiner expects to locate and engage in business. He says the town has 18,000 inhabitants and is a "hummer." He has leased his house here for six months to L. M. Irwin.

A. C. Pace returned Thursday from Willow Oklahoma, where he has been visiting for several weeks. He reports the Oklahoma heat as very oppressive and is glad to get back home.

Russell Hardwick is training to become a league ball pitcher. His first lessons in throwing curves were taken at Texico on the fourth by using eggs as a substitute for a ball.

There will be preaching at Ideal school house next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. Howard will preach at the morning hour and Evangelist J. H. Shepard at the evening hour.

Ben Stanton received a painful injury to the fore finger of his right hand while working at the Santa Fe shops a few days ago, which will necessitate him being absent from duty for some time.

The streets of Clovis during the past week have resounded to the martial tread of soldier boys' feet. Nearly every day several train loads of national guardsmen from the east have passed through here enroute to the Mexican border, and the trains going through in daylight have stopped here long enough for the troops to detain and exercise. They were marched through the streets and in a few instances, at least, up as far as the vacant lots just south of the court house, where they were put through maneuvers calculated to rest them from the long rides on the trains that they had been subjected to.

On the Fourth of July, about noon, a train bearing companies A. B. C. and D 1st infantry Pennsylvania National Guard, the hospital corps and regimental officers, arrived here and remained for about two hours. The troops were marched to the Harvey House lawn where Fourth of July exercises were held under the direction of Col. Charles C. Allen. The declaration of independence was read and America and the Star Spangled Banner were sung. After these exercises were over the soldiers were marched to South Main Street, where a number of foot races were pulled off.

Clovis people have turned out in large numbers to see the soldier boys pass through, and many members of the fair sex, in particular, have been the recipients of souvenirs in the shape of samples of hard tack with the donor's name and address written thereon. Also in some instances, if appearances count for anything, the soldier boys have carried away from Clovis souvenirs in the shape of the hearts of some of our fair daughters. We wonder what romances in the way of love affairs history will record in connection with this troop movement. Yes, we wonder.

Lands Open to Homestead

The land offices of the state are just finishing a report showing the amount of the public domain yet open to settlement, and the Tucumcari district leads with two hundred forty-four thousand six hundred twenty-two acres yet subject to homestead entry. We have one hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred eighty-four acres of surveyed land and eleven thousand five hundred sixty-seven unsurveyed lands yet open in the county. Curry has eleven hundred forty acres surveyed; no unsurveyed. Guadalupe twenty-one thousand ninety-eight acres and no unsurveyed land. San Miguel, four thousand four hundred acres surveyed and five thousand seven hundred fifty-three unsurveyed; Union county, forty-eight thousand four hundred and thirty-six surveyed and eighteen thousand unsurveyed.—Tucumcari American.